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FROM DRAPER, NEA/ARN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN JEWRY

1. THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MEETING WITH SOLARZ AND CO.
ON JUNE 6, ATTENDED BY NEA, SCA, INS, D/HA REPRESENTATIVES
AT HIGH LEVEL, DURING WHICH SOME PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MOVING SYRIAN JEWS WILL BE THRASHED OUT. CURRENT
THINKING IS TO UTILIZE TO THE MAXIMUM CONDITIONAL ENTRY
PROCESSING IN FRANKFURT. VIRTUALLY ALL PROCESSING THAT
EMBASSY WOULD NORMALLY DO WOULD BE CARRIED OUT THERE. THE
PEOPLE WOULD LEAVE DAMASCUS WITH A SPECIAL KIND OF VISA
WHICH WOULD BE CANCELLED ON ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT (AND IN
SOME CASES NEW YORK). WE WILL HAVE TO SECURE COOPERATION
OF FRG FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE POS-
SIBLE.

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2. MEANWHILE, WE EXPECT MOMENTARILY INITIAL BATCH OF
CERTIFIED MARRIAGE PROPOSALS WHICH WE WILL VALIDATE IN
THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH SYRIAN EMBASSY BEFORE POUCHING TO
YOU FOR DELIVERY TO TOUTAH. WE ARE ASSUMING HERE THAT
TOUTAH AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WILL PROCESS THESE PRO-
POSALS WITH SYRIANS OVERTLY AND THAT EMBASSY, IF SYRIANS
GIVE PASSPORTS, WILL ISSUE K VISAS AFTER THE PETITIONS

BY THE SUITORS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND APPROVED.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE BY MONDAY MORNING WASHINGTON TIME
ANY COMMENTS YOU WISH TO OFFER ON ABOVE OR OTHER SUBJECTS.
WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON FOLLOWING:
SYRIAN JEWISH FAMILY IN NEW YORK HAS FIRST COUSIN RELATIVES IN ALEPPO. THESE CONSIST OF A LARGE FAMILY WITH 7 CHILDREN. FAMILY IS TOO POOR TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF THE GIRLS AND IS CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON EDUCATION FOR THE BOYS. NEW YORK RELATIVE WISHES TO PROVIDE HOME AND EDUCATION THROUGH COLLEGE FOR OLDEST CHILD, A GIRL OF 16. AGAIN, THIS SEEMS TO US A POSSIBLY USEFUL TEST CASE. NEW YORK RELATIVE IS PREPARED TO WRITE LETTER TO ALEPPO HEAD OF FAMILY, PROPOSING SOME 5 OR 6 YEARS OF FUNDED EDUCATION AND LIVING EXPENSES FOR OLDEST GIRL. PRESUMABLY, HE COULD ENCLOSE EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND CONTINGENCY REGISTRATION IN APPROPRIATE SCHOOL. IN YOUR JUDGMENT WOULD SYRIANS AGREE TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT? THIS CASE DIFFERS FROM BROAD SCALE OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WHICH YOU HAD PREVIOUSLY JUDGED COULD NOT BE ARRANGED SO AS TO EXCLUDE NON-JEWISH SYRIANS. VANCE

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